

# FY 2005 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS

## FIELD OFFICE

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

### 1. Plants - 60 Potential Points

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	60		
	Ecological SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	50		
	Site SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	40		
	Similarity SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	30		
	Index SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	20		
	(SI)* SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	10		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	0		
<b>Riparian:</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60		
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	NA	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60		
<b>1. Plants</b>		Total	100%	Total	100%	<b>Total:</b>		

### 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 220 Potential Points

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.					Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
<b>Soil</b>							
Classic Gully, Sheet & Rill, Streambank					10		
Critical Area Planting - 342					10		
Grade Stabilization Structure - 410					10		
Steambank and Shoreline Protection					10		
Other Related Practices : 348,548					2		
<b>Water Quantity</b>							
<b>Excessive Runoff, Ponding, Sub Surface Water</b>							
Brush Management Light					20		
Brush Management Medium					40		
Brush Management Heavy					60		
<b>Water Quality</b>							
<b>Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity</b>							
Riparian Forest Buffer - 392					10		
Tree And Shrub Establishment - 612					10		
Windbreak / Shelterbelt Renovation - 650					10		
<b>Plants</b>							
<b>Adapted or Suited, Productivity, Health, Vigor, and Forage Quality</b>							
Prescribed Burning - 338					10		
Fence - 382					10		
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment - 548					5		
Range Planting - 550					5		
Other Related Practices : 326					1		

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<b>Animals</b>			
<b>Domestic and Wildlife Cover / Shelter and Inadquate Food / Water</b>			
Water Development ( Single Pasture)	30		
Water Development ( Two Pasture)	40		
Water Development ( Three or More Pastures)	50		
Practices Would Include 516,378,533,574,614,642,575 (1 Point Each)	7		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

## 3. Other Considerations - \_50\_ Potential Points

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	<b>Potential Points</b>	<b>Bench-mark Points</b>	<b>After Points</b>
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5		
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5		
E. An Extensive Grazing System Will Be Initiated (Rested >70% of the Time During Grazing Season)	30		
F. An Extensive Grazing System Will Be Initiated ( Rested 25% to 70% of the Time During Grazing Season)	20		
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1\_\_\_\_\_ Section 2\_\_\_\_\_ Section 3\_\_\_\_\_ Total for Worksheet \_\_\_\_\_\*

**\*A minimum of \_50\_ total points is required to be considered for contract selection.**

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Designated Conservationist

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Date

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